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SUBJECT: UK PRESS REPORTING ON POSTPONEMENT OF TRADE BILL

1. THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST TO CONGRESS TO DELAY
CONSIDERATION OF THE TRADE BILL RECEIVED LIMITED COVERAGE
IN THE BRITISH PRESS ON NOVEMBER 8 DUE TO THE TIMING OF
THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. A REPORT FROM WASHINGTON INCLUDED AT THE LAST MINUTE
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ON AN INSIDE PAGE OF THE "FINANCIAL TIMES" SAID THAT BY

TAKING THIS ACTION, THE PRESIDENT HAS "MADE CLEAR THAT HE SETS A HIGHER PRIORITY ON AVOIDING A PUBLIC ROW OVER TRADE WITH THE SOVIET UNION THAN HE DOES ON WINNING A MANDATE FROM CONGRESS TO CONDUCT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EUROPE AND JAPAN." THE FT SAID THAT DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON ARE DISAPPOINTED, BUT THERE IS "LITTLE IMMEDIATE DESIRE TO PLAY THE ISSUE UP AT A MOMENT WHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND THE NINE ARE ALREADY SHOWING A GOOD DEAL OF STRAIN."

3. A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE BY THE "GUARDIAN'S" WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WAS MORE VITRIOLIC. THE PRESIDENT SACRIFICED THE TRADE BILL FOR FEAR OF OFFENDING THE RUSSIANS, THE ARTICLE SAID. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THERE CAN NOW BE USEFUL NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION MARKED "THE EFFECTIVE DEMISE" OF THE YEAR OF EUROPE. "FOLLOWING THE QUARRELS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE SET OFF BY THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, THE PRESIDENT'S SUDDEN SHELVEING OF THE TRADE BILL WILL COME AS A PROFOUND PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOW. MANY IN EUROPE WILL SEE IT AS A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF HOW UNDER THIS PRESIDENT, MOSCOW COMES FIRST FOR THE UNITED STATES AND THE ALLIES SECOND THERE IS LIKELY TO BE ANOTHER TRANSATLANTIC ROW ABOUT LACK OF CONSULTATION IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE SUDDEN AND ARBITRARY WAY IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT HAS ACTED."

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